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NEWS RELEASE

Driver in Six Vehicle Collision Charged with Murder

Date: 3/9/2016

Offender: 17- year old Aaron Roacho of the 5800 block of Pickerel

Victim: 52-year old Annette Martinez of El Paso

EL PASO, TEXAS: The driver of the 1997 Acura involved in the six vehicle collision last Friday at the 1700 block of North Stanton has been charged with murder. Crimes Against Persons detectives assumed the investigation after 52 year old Annette Martinez a passenger in the in the 2009 Ford Fusion, passed away on Tuesday night. 17-year old Aaron Roacho and his 16-year old passenger were fleeing from a burglary of habitation they had just committed. While fleeing from having committed that felony, the driver committed acts by his driving that were clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of a person.

Aaron Roacho is also being charged with two counts of burglary of habitation. The first burglary occurred on February 29th at the 1100 block of Galloway and the second on the 4th of March at the 500 block of Robinson. TAC officers began conducting surveillance in the area after the burglary on Galloway. While conducting surveillance they saw Roacho and his 16 year old passenger fleeing the scene of the burglary on Robinson. Roacho was unaware that he was under surveillance as he was fleeing the burglary and at the time of the crash. After the collision, Roacho and the 16 year old passenger fled the scene on foot but were apprehended minutes later in the area. On Friday Roacho and the 16 year old were charged with the burglary on Robinson. The 16 year old was turned over to the custody of the Juvenile Probation Department and Roacho was booked into the El Paso County Detention facility under a \$20,000 bond. Roacho was be rebooked into the El Paso County Detention Facility for Murder and for the burglary on Galloway with bonds totaling \$500,000.

HISTORY:

Date: 3/4/2016 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: 1700 N. Stanton

Vehicle 1: 1997 Acura 35R – White in Color 1 Driver: 17 year old Aaron Roacho of, El Paso,

Passenger: 16 year old male

Vehicle 2:, 2003 Hyundai Elantra- Grey in Color Driver: 36-year Arlene Alcantar, of., El Paso

Vehicle 3: 2009 Ford Fusion-White in Color Driver: 30 year old Joanna Cangialosi of, El Paso Passenger: 52 year old Annette Martinez of. El Paso

Passenger: female infant

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Vehicle 4 2006 Buick Lucerne-White in Color

Driver: 18-year old Richard Alexander Rodriguez,. El Paso Passenger: 45-year old Delia Rodriguez of. El Paso

Vehicle 5: 2001 Nissan Sentra, Gold in Color

Driver: 37 year old Erika Ramirez Castro of El Paso

Vehicle 6: 2007 Ford Focus-grey in color

Driver: Nicholas Villalobos #2849 El Paso Police officer

EL PASO, TEXAS: Special traffic investigators responded to 1700 N. Stanton to assist with the investigation of a traffic collision. The preliminary investigation revealed that a 1997 Acura was traveling south at 1700 Stanton and was being operated by Aaron Roacho and occupied by a 16 year old male passenger.

The Acura side-swiped the 2003 Hyundai Elantra which was being operated by Arlene Alcantar. The 1997 Acura then struck a 2009 Ford Fusion which was being operated by Joanna Cangialosi with her passengers Annette Martinez and Cangialosi's 6 month old daughter.

This collision caused the 2009 Ford Fusion to collide with the 2006 Buick Lucerne which was being operated by Richard Rodriguez with his passenger Delia Rodriguez. The 2009 Ford Fusion rotated during the collision and struck a 2001 Nissan Sentra which was being operated by Erika Castro. The 2007 Ford Focus driven by the officer then struck the 2003 Hyundai from the rear.

As a result of the collision Annette Martinez sustained serious bodily injury and was transported to University Medical Center for treatment. Joanna Cangialosi and her daughter were also transported to University Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries. Officer Villalobos sustained minor injuries and was transported to University Medical Center for treatment.

Aaron Roacho sustained minor injuries and was transported to La Palmas Medical Center for treatment. The 16 year old passenger was not injured in the collision.

Richard Rodriguez, Delia Rodriguez, Erika Castro and Arlene Alcantar were not injured in the collision and remained at the scene.

Speeding is a contributing factor in this collision.

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